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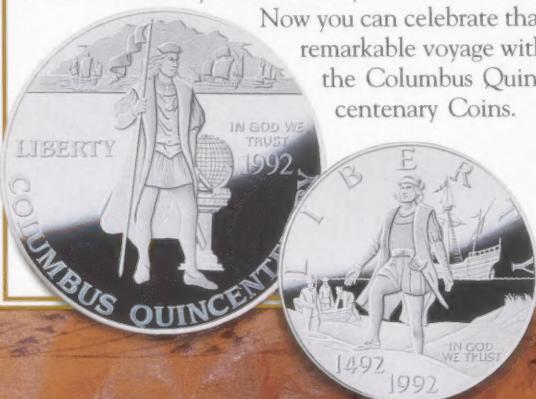


Announcing the First Quincentenary Commemorative Coins in United States Mint History.

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But, someone dares to search for another sea route. Conventional wisdom cautions against sailing west, "too near the edge." In daring to voyage toward the edge, however, that someone makes a historic discovery—the discovery of the Americas.

Now you can celebrate that remarkable voyage with the Columbus Quincentenary Coins.



Map courtesy of Library of Congress circa 1565

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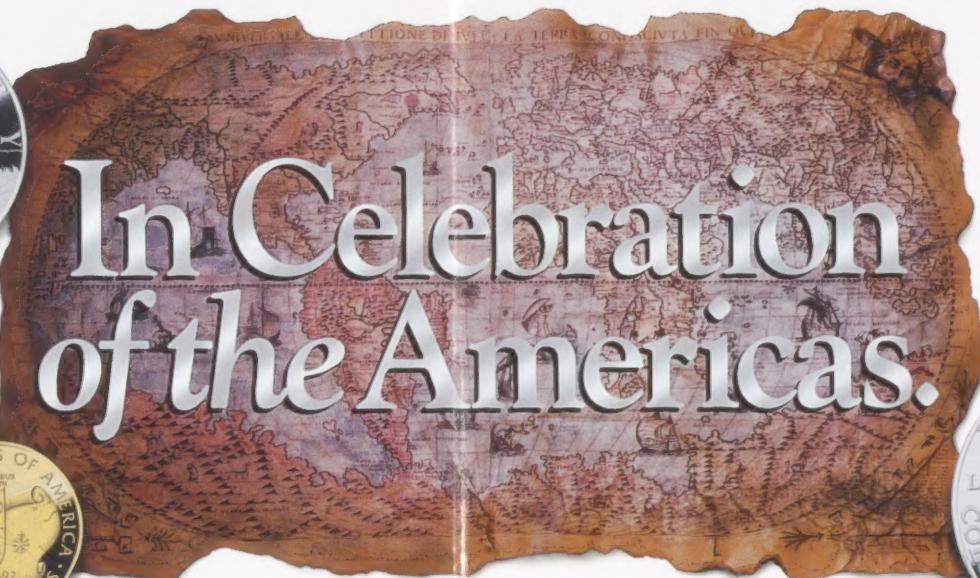
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The obverse design of the Half Dollar Clad Coin is a scene of Columbus landing in the New World. His three ships are depicted on the reverse. Both designs are the work of James Ferrell.

These are the only official U.S. Government Columbus Quincentenary Coins.

Not only are these the only official U.S. coins commemorating the 500th anniversary of Columbus' historic discovery, they also mark



the anniversary of the very first commemorative coin ever produced by the United States Mint. The first commemorative coin celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus's discovery.

All 500th anniversary coins are available in highly polished, painstakingly detailed proof quality or in brilliant uncirculated condition. Proof coins are struck multiple times with polished dies. The remarkable result is a frosted image on a mirror-like background. Uncirculated coins exhibit a finely crafted satin-like finish.



Columbus Quincentenary
Coins are available individually
or in sets.

All coins are available individually and in two-, three- or six-coin sets. Each individual coin and set is offered in proof and uncirculated qualities. Proof options and all gold coins are packaged in attractive presentation cases, and uncirculated options are packaged in handsome gift boxes. The six-coin set, packaged in a beautiful wooden case, makes an excellent showpiece for any collector.

However, mintage levels and discount ordering periods are limited.

Orders must be
postmarked no later than
October 9, 1992 to qualify
for the pre-issue discount.

Discount prices are available only for a short time. Reserve your coins today.

Coins shown are renderings of approved United States Mint Columbus Quincentenary Coin designs. The designs depicted are subject to modification prior to engraving. Coins may not be actual size.



How to order

To order Columbus Quincentenary Coins, please fill in the personalized order form and place it with your remittance in the return envelope provided for your convenience. Remember, to receive these coins at the special discount price offering, make sure your order is postmarked no later than October 9, 1992.

If you have a question about your order, please contact:

Customer Service Center
United States Mint
10001 Aerospace Drive
Lanham, MD 20706
or call (301) 436-7400

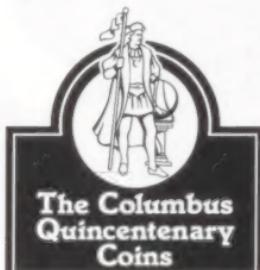
Our staff is available Monday through Friday,
9am to 5pm Eastern Time.

Columbus Quincentenary Coin Specifications

Denomination:	Five Dollar	One Dollar	Half Dollar
Composition:	90% gold (0.24 troy ounce)	90% silver (0.76 troy ounce)	92% copper (0.33 troy ounce)
	4% copper	10% copper	8% nickel
	6% silver		
Weight:	8.359 grams	26.73 grams	11.34 grams
Diameter:	0.850 inch	1.500 inches	1.205 inches

Production Facilities

Coin	Mint	Mint Marking
Half Dollar Proof	San Francisco	"S"
Half Dollar Uncirculated	Denver	"D"
One Dollar Proof	Philadelphia	"P"
One Dollar Uncirculated	Denver	"D"
Five Dollar Proof	West Point	"W"
Five Dollar Uncirculated	West Point	"W"



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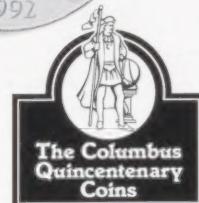


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Detach envelope here, moisten, seal and mail.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Method of Payment: Check Money Order VISA MasterCard

Credit Card Account Number _____

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Expiration Date

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Month Year

Signature _____ Date _____

Daytime phone number if we have questions about your order:

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Make check or money order payable to: United States Mint. I understand that the Mint accepts orders only under the preprinted terms described on this order form. All sales are final and not subject to refunds.

See reverse for important information.

Detach here, remove perforated stub and return with payment in attached envelope.

Department of the Treasury United States Mint Pre-Issue Discount Pass-Along Order Form

I understand that if my order for Columbus Quincentenary Coin(s) is postmarked no later than **October 9, 1992**, I am eligible for the pre-issue price. Orders are not valid until verified and accepted by the United States Mint. The Mint reserves the right to limit quantities and may discontinue accepting orders at any time. Shipping will begin in October 1992 and continue for several months. Coins may be delivered in multiple shipments.

This space for Mint use only.

Code No.	Qty	Item	Regular Price Ea.	Pre-Issue Price Ea.	Total Cost
1 X01		Single Half Dollar Proof	\$ 9.50	\$ 8.50	
2 X02		Single Silver Dollar Proof	31.00	27.00	
3 X03		Two-Coin Proof Set: Half Dollar and Silver Dollar	38.00	34.00	
4 X04		Single Gold Five Dollar Proof	225.00	190.00	
5 X05		Three-Coin Proof Set: Half Dollar, Silver Dollar and Gold Five Dollar	250.00	220.00	
6 X06		Single Half Dollar Uncirculated	7.50	6.50	
7 X07		Single Silver Dollar Uncirculated	28.00	23.00	
8 X08		Two-Coin Uncirculated Set: Half Dollar and Silver Dollar	32.00	27.00	
9 X09		Single Gold Five Dollar Uncirculated	210.00	180.00	
10 X10		Three-Coin Uncir. Set: Half Dollar, Silver Dollar and Gold Five Dollar	230.00	205.00	
11 X11		Six-Coin Set: Three-Coin Proof Set, Three-Coin Uncir. Set	495.00	445.00	

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Total Order Price \$

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To inquire about your order, please contact: Customer Service Center, United States Mint,
10001 Aerospace Drive, Lanham, Maryland 20706. (Telephone: 301-436-7400.
9:00 am-5:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday-Friday.)

**TO QUALIFY FOR PRE-ISSUE DISCOUNT PRICES,
ORDERS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 9, 1992.**

Notice for Customers:

Orders are not valid until accepted by the United States Mint. Orders cannot be canceled, including all credit card orders. The Mint reserves the right to limit quantities and may discontinue accepting orders at any time. Coins may be delivered in multiple shipments at different times. Please allow a minimum of eight weeks for delivery.

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UNITED STATES MINT
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

DIRECTOR
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A Message from the Acting Director
of the United States Mint

Dear Mint Customer:

Although my name may be new to you, I am not new to the world of coinage or Government — I gained experience for my new position as Acting Director of the United States Mint while serving as Deputy Treasurer of the United States. I was born in Billings, Montana and spent much of my life in the State of Idaho. As I am proud of my roots, I am proud to be a part of the Mint.

Introducing myself to you gives me the opportunity to tell you how important you — the Mint customer — are and how much I value your loyal support and continuing interest in Mint products. This letter brings you a friendly greeting and an offer of a special opportunity.

The Mint is commemorating a great discovery. Five hundred years ago Christopher Columbus embarked on a daring voyage resulting in the discovery of the Americas. This year, millions of people the world over are celebrating the quincentenary of his historic discovery.

To honor this special event, we introduce three exquisite coins — a Five Dollar Gold Coin, a One Dollar Silver Coin and a Half Dollar Clad Coin. I'm excited about participating in this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of such an important and significant discovery. This congressionally authorized program provides for an attractive pre-issue discount period, in effect through October 9, 1992.

The enclosed order form gives you the opportunity to take advantage of this pre-issue discount. These limited edition coins celebrating the discovery of the Americas are offered in both proof and uncirculated quality. I know you will find them a beautiful and meaningful addition to your collection.

You'll be hearing more from me in the future, which promises to be a truly exciting one for collectors.

Sincerely,

David J. Ryder
Acting Director of the Mint

P.S. Remember, in order to take advantage of the pre-issue discount, your order must be postmarked no later than October 9, 1992.

